

**Before the State of South Carolina
Department of Insurance**

In the matter of:

William Shaw
1136 East Lietner Street
Latta, South Carolina 29565

File Number 2004-123900
Consent Order
Imposing Administrative Penalty

This matter comes before me pursuant to an agreement entered into between the State of South Carolina Department of Insurance and William Shaw, a licensed South Carolina insurance producer.

Upon review of this matter, I hereby find as fact, that Mr. Shaw, while licensed to do business as a resident insurance producer within the State of South Carolina, did fail to timely remit premiums collected from consumers of this State, to Prime Rate Premium Finance Corporation, for an approximate amount of \$1,277.17 dollars. Mr. Shaw acknowledges this allegation and contends this failure resulted from inadvertence and oversight and not from any intent to avoid the requirements of the Law. Nevertheless, this type of action can ultimately lead to the revocation of his license to transact the business of insurance as a resident producer in South Carolina, following a public hearing at the Administrative Law Court, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. & 38-43-130.

Prior to the initiation of any administrative proceedings by the Department against him, William Shaw and the Department agreed to submit the entire matter to me, along with their specific recommendation, for my summary decision, rather than to proceed toward a formal public hearing. The consensual recommendation was that, in lieu of the Department seeking to revoke Mr. Shaw's resident insurance producer's license, he would waive his right to a public hearing and immediately pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 dollars.

After a thorough review of the record, and pursuant to my findings of fact, I hereby conclude as a matter of law, that William Shaw had violated S.C. Code Ann. § 38-43-130(C)(4) (Supp. 2003). As a result, I can now take administrative disciplinary action against his insurance producer's license and that of his agency. However, in view of Mr. Shaw's clean record and the fact that he has fully reimbursed the monies in question, I conclude that there was no malice, criminal intent, nor willful conduct involved. Therefore, under the discretionary authority provided to me by the General Assembly within S.C. Code Ann. § 38-2-10 (2)(Supp. 2003), and after carefully considering the recommendation of the parties, I hereby impose against William Shaw an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00. That fine must be paid within ten days of receipt of this consent order. If he does not timely pay that total fine amount, his resident insurance producer's license will be immediately revoked without any further disciplinary proceedings.

This administrative penalty has been reached by the parties as a result of negotiation and compromise, and it is made in consideration of Mr. Shaw's assurance that in the future he will exercise more caution and fully comply with South Carolina's Insurance Laws.

This penalty includes all expenses related to the investigation of this matter, as provided in Section 38-13-70 of the South Carolina Code of Administrative Laws. The parties expressly agree and understand payment of the agreed-upon penalty constitutes full accord and satisfaction of this matter.

By his signature upon this consent order, William Shaw acknowledges this administrative disciplinary order is a public record subject to the disclosure requirements of the State of South Carolina's *Freedom of Information Act*, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 30-4-10, *et seq.* (1991 and Supp. 2003).

It is, therefore, ordered that William Shaw shall, within ten days of the date of receipt of this consent order, pay through the Department of Insurance an administrative fine in the total amount of \$1,000.00 dollars.

It is further ordered that a copy of this consent order be immediately transmitted to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for distribution to its member states and a copy be placed in Mr. Shaw's licensing file.

This order becomes effective as of the date of my signature below.


Gwendolyn Fuller McGriff
Deputy Director

February 15, 2005,

at Columbia, South Carolina

I CONSENT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Shaw", written over a horizontal line.

William Shaw
1136 East Lietner Street
Latta, South Carolina 29565.

Dated this ____ day of February, 2005.